

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to sections 91-3 and 92-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to existing rules, and the adoption of new rules of the Med-QUEST Division for the purpose of conforming to State and Federal Statutes.

The proposed amendments are based on State and Federal laws. Brief descriptions of the proposed changes are listed below.

CHAPTER 17-1722.1 – STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN PROGRAM

§17-1722.1-8, Eligibility requirements. Subsection (b) is amended to state that when applicants and recipients are not eligible under this chapter due to the appropriate application of the categorical and financial eligibility requirements of chapters §17-1727 (Hawaii QUEST) or §17-1732 (Coverage of Blind or Disabled Pregnant Women and Children), eligibility under this chapter shall then be determined by applying the eligibility requirements of chapter §17-1728 (QUEST-Net).

CHAPTER 17-1737 – SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FEE FOR SERVICE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

§17-1737-5.1, Physician assistant services. A new section is added to give the requirements a physician assistant must meet to provide services to Medicaid patients under a supervising physician.

A public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Monday, March 31, 2008, 1:30 p.m. Liliuokalani Building, 1390 Miller Street, 2nd Floor Conference Rooms, Honolulu, Hawaii.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and to state their views relative to the proposed rules either orally or in writing. Should written testimony be presented, five (5) copies shall be made available to the presiding officer at or before the public hearing to:

Department of Human Services
Med-QUEST Division
P. O. Box 700190
Kapolei, Hawaii 96709-0190

Residents of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai wishing to present oral testimonies may also contact the Med-QUEST Division on the respective islands no earlier than seven (7) days before the Honolulu hearing date to have their testimony recorded:

East Hawaii Section
88 Kanoelehua Avenue, Room 107
Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (933-0339)

West Hawaii Section
Lanikai Professional Center
75-5591 Palani Road, Ste. 3004
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740 (327-4970)

Kauai Section
4473 Pahee Street, Suite A
Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (241-3575)

Maui Section
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 (243-5780)

Molokai Section
State Civic Center
65 Makaena Street, Room 110
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 (553-1758)

Lanai Unit
Call toll free 1-800-894-5755

A copy of the proposed rules will be mailed at NO COST to any interested person by requesting a copy by writing to:

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or by calling 692-8132. Neighbor island residents may request a copy of the proposed rules at NO COST by contacting the Med-QUEST Division Sections as noted above.

A copy of the proposed rule changes will be available for public viewing from the first working day that the legal notice appears in the Honolulu Star Bulletin, The Honolulu Advertiser, Hawaii Tribune Herald, West Hawaii Today, The Maui News, and The Garden Island, through the day the public hearing is held, from Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the appropriate Med-QUEST Division offices on their respective islands listed above. On Oahu,

the proposed rules will be available at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 518, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707 and 801 Dillingham Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.

Proposed rules are also available at the Virtual Rules Center located at the following website:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/>

Special accommodations (i.e. Sign Language Interpreter, large print, taped materials, or accessible parking) can be made, if requested at least seven (7) working days before the scheduled public hearing on Oahu by calling 692-8132. Neighbor island residents needing special accommodations should contact the Med-QUEST Division Sections on the respective islands with their requests.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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